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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1894 (LVII), requested the Secretary-General to submit, at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session and to indicate the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

2. In resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to the Council for its review, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

3. In resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of its work, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them.

4. The draft provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission will be completed at the present session in the light of resolutions and decisions adopted and requests made by the Commission

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* E/CN.3/1993/1.

during the present session and will be submitted to the Council for review, in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41. The following draft provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Special topic (see para. 5 below):

   (a) Statistical education and training (E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 47);

   Documentation

   Report by Statistics Canada

   (b) National and international statistical issues resulting from the emergence of customs and economic unions (E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 47);

   (c) Advantages and disadvantages of more flexible standards (classifications and other elements), concentrating in the first instance on classifications for economic activities and commodities (E/CN.3/1993/21, annex II, para. 59).

4. National accounts:

   Implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA) (in the expectation that the revised SNA will be adopted at the present session) (E/CN.3/1993/21, para. 9, E/1991/25, paras. 38 (i) and (j) and 50 (e)).

   Documentation

   Report on strategies, progress and problems in implementation of the revised SNA

5. Industrial statistics.

   Documentation

   Report on industrial statistics including needs for current industrial statistics (E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 58)

6. Monitoring adherence to adopted United Nations classifications.

Documentation

Report on the present situation regarding the adoption of classifications in countries and their relationship to adopted United Nations classifications (E/CN.3/1993/21, annex II, para. 57)

7. Coordination and integration of international statistical programmes.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its sixteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/21, para. 13)

Report on coordination of data collection from countries (E/CN.3/1993/21, annex II, para. 61)

8. Programme questions.

Documentation

Draft work programme of the Statistical Office for 1996-1997, proposals for the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2003 and information on programme performance during 1992-1993 and part of 1994

9. Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission.

10. Report of the Commission on its twenty-eighth session.

5. The Commission, at its twenty-sixth session, decided that a maximum of one special topic should be included in the agenda of the twenty-seventh session. 1/ It is the Secretariat's view that a maximum of one topic should be selected for special discussion at the twenty-eighth session, bearing in mind resource constraints on the preparation of documentation for the Commission. The Commission may wish to request the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination to select a topic in the light of the Commission's discussion at the present session.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 5 (E/1991/25), para. 244.

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